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- 1. PARA ONE REFTEL: SURCHARGE ON CIF VALUE OF IMPORTS INTO COLOMBIA EARMARKED FOR PROEXPO HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM 1.5 PERCENT TO 3.5 PERCENT ACCORDING TO DECREE NBR 2366 OF OCT 31/74. SAME DECREE ALSO ESTABLISHED THAT SURCHARGE WILL BE INCREASED TO 5.0 PERCENT AS OF OCT 1/75. ALL OTHER IMPORT SURCHARGES 1.5 PERCENT FOR COFFEE PROMOTION AND 1.0 PERCENT FOR CONSULAR INVOICE. REMAIN THE SAME.
- 2. PARA 2 REFTEL: ACCORDING TO RESOLUTIONS 14 OF MAR 14/74
  23 OF APR 24, 1974, AND 71 OF OCT 16/74 FROM THE MONETARY BOARD
  REGARDING ADVANCED PAYMENT FOR IMPORTS AND FORFEITABLE GUARANTEE
  DEPOSIT, EMB IN CONJUNCTION WITH LEGAL DEPT OF EXCHANGE OFFICE
  OF CENTRAL BANK CONCLUDED THE FOL:

A) 40 PERCENT ADVANCE PAYMENT AND 20 PERCENT FORFEITABLE GUARANTEE DEPOSIT IS APPLICABLE TO IMPORTS WITHOUT TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION IF IMPORT IS FINANCED BY A LOCAL OR FORN BANK.

B) 100 PERCENT ADVANCE PAYMENT IS NOT REQUIRED UNLESS IMPORTER FAILS TO PLACE FORFEITABLE GUARANTEE DEPOSIT. THIS IS APPLICABLE TO IMPORTS FINANCED BY LOCAL OR FORN BANKS.

C) RESOLUTION 71 WHICH INCREASED FORFEITABLE GUARANTEE DEPOSIT UNCLASSIFIED

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FROM 10 PERCENT TO 20 PERCENT OF FOB VALUE OF IMPORTATION,

ALSO ESTABLISHED MAXIMUM TIME PERIODS IN WHICH IMPORTER MUST COMPLETE PAYMENT FOR MERCHANDISE WHICH WILL BE COUNTED FROM THE DATE OF MERCHANDISE BILL OF LADING. THESE TERMS ARE:

- 1) SIX MONTHS FOR IMPORTS OF INTERMEDIATE GOODS INCLUDING RAW MATERIALS AND CONSUMER GOODS.
- 2) THREE YEARS FOR IMPORTS OF EQUIPMENT AND CAPITAL GOODS. HOWEVER, THIS TERM CAN BE EXTENDED UP TO FIVE YEARS WITH PRIOR APPROVAL OF DIRECTIVE COUNCIL ON FORN TRADE (INCOMEX). VAKY

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